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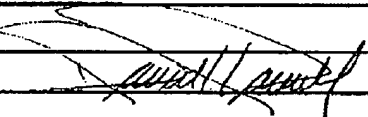
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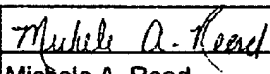
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|   | Examiner Name        | James Vannucci         |                  |
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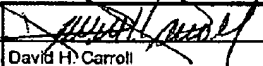
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Filed: January 2, 2004 Docket No.: 00970.0011-US-U1  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DRIVING A PULSED LASER DIODE

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